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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: CATALYTIC COMPOSITION FOR
THE UPGRADING OF
HYDROCARBON MIXTURES

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: EXAMINER: ILDEBRANDO, C.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the amendment and remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 32, 55-56, and 68.

Please amend the claims as follows:

41. (Amended) A catalytic composition, comprising a beta zeolite, cobalt, a metal of group VIB and optionally one or more oxides as a carrier wherein said catalyst has a surface area of $\geq 380 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ and a pore volume $\geq 1.10 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$.

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